



## **Catawba County Public Health**

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### **CATAWBA COUNTY KIDS IN NEED FUND THANKS GENEROUS GIVERS**

HICKORY, NC –Normally it's the students receiving help from the Kids In Need Fund (K.I.N. Fund) saying thank you, but this time it's the K.I.N. fund thanking school personnel across Catawba County for their generous donations.

Since fall 2011 and as recent as this week, the K.I.N. fund has received donations from school personnel totaling \$8,977.83. Contributions came from Catawba County Teacher Assistants, Oakwood Elementary, Southwest Elementary, Fred T. Foard High, and Maiden High. More fundraisers are planned before the end of the school year.

Schools fundraised creatively through ideas such as "Koins for Kids", where students and faculty brought in spare change, to staff and students wearing special attire, including jeans and hats, for a donation.

"We're appreciative that schools are supporting the students they work with on a daily basis who lack medical or dental care because of the circumstances of their lives," said Rhonda Stikeleather, school health supervisor, Catawba County Public Health. "They know firsthand the importance of health and its relationship to learning."

The best way to support the K.I.N. Fund is through donation; 100 percent of all funds received go to the provision of care. Donations are tax deductible and can be made to Catawba County Public Health "Kids In Need Fund." For more information, please call Rhonda Stikeleather at (828) 695-5893 or Jennifer McCracken at (828) 695-5820.

Established by the School Health Team of Catawba County Public Health, the Kids In Need Fund helps meet the healthcare needs of eligible school children to improve their ability to learn. For more information on eligibility guidelines, visit [www.catawbacountync.gov/phealth/Child/KidsInNeed.asp](http://www.catawbacountync.gov/phealth/Child/KidsInNeed.asp).

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